(b) if so, whether the State Government have sought any assistance from his Ministry;

(c) whether his Ministry has got a scheme to give financial and technical assistance to the State Governments proposing to establish I.T. Parks; and

(d) if so, the details of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed in August, 2004 between Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), an autonomous society under the Department of Information Technology and Government of Goa to set up a STPI Centre at Goa.

(c) and (d) As per the current policy, for setting up of STPI centre, a joint feasibility study has to be conducted to analyse the potential and commercial viability of the location. In case the location is found to be viable and it is decided to set up a STPI centre, the State Government has to provide 3 acres of land, 10,000 sq. ft. of built up space and grant-in-aid of Rs. 1 crore to STPI to partially defray the total project cost. Department of Information Technology provides a seed money of Rs. 50 lakhs to STPI for the implementation of the project.

Recommendations to Install Telephones

†2148. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of recommendations made by the questioner as a Member of Rajya Sabha to install telephones from M.P. quota during his tenure, so far, year-wise;

(b) the number of telephones installed each year and the reasons for its under installation and if the telephones could not be installed, whether the same were installed in the following year; and

(c) if even hundred of telephones are not installed every year despite

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

recommendations, the difference between installation of telephones from M.P. quota and that of general quota?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) Sir, the number of recommendations made by Shri Kripal Parmar. Hon'ble Member of Parliament to install telephones from MP quota during his tenure, year-wise and the number of connections provided are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below). Out of turn telephone connections recommended by MPs are provided on priority basis, over-riding all other telephone demands registered prior to it, subject to technical feasibility. However, majority of out of turn sanctions recommended by Hon'ble MPs are from rural, remote and hilly areas which are often technically non-feasible. Delays occur where recommended telephone connection is to be given an area which is not yet covered by existing telecom infrastructure.

Statement

Details of telephone connections recommended by Shri Kripal Parmar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament during his tenure. Connections provided and reasons of pendency.

Year of Quota	No. of connections recommended by Hon'ble MP	No. of connections sanctioned	Connections provided in the same year	Reasons for not providing the remaining connections in the same year	Connections provided in subsequent years till date	Connections pending as on date
2001	100	100	100	N/A	N/A	NIL
2002	100	100	77	Due to area being technically non-feasible	22	1
2003	100	100	70	-do-	22	8
2004	100	100	36	-do-	43	21
2005	100	100	64	-do-	7	29
2006 (till) 28.2.06)	7	7	5	-do-	0	2